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THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) Rs. 3,69,421.

" (b) Rs. 2,40,000."

MR. SPEAKER :—" It seems that the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration is ready with the answer to a short notice question given notice of by the hon. Member Sri M. Kalyanasundram. It has not been roneoed. Therefore, let the Hon. Minister first read the question and then the answer."

Non-inclusion of residents of Golden Rock Colony in voters list for district board elections.

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" The question given notice of by the hon. Member Sri M. Kalyanasundram is as follows :—

* 69-A Q.—' Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the names of the residents of the Golden Rock Colony have not been included in the list of voters for the district board elections; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor? '

" The answer is as follows :—

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The area of the Golden Rock Colony is outside the jurisdiction of the Tiruchirappalli District Board and the names of voters of the area are not, therefore, included in the electral roll of the district board."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" Is it not a matter pending before the High Court? I think it is pending before the High Court, Sir. I gave notice of this question some months ago."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Is it before the Court? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" The writ petition has been dismissed by the High Court."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" An appeal has been admitted and the elections have been stayed."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Then, the matter is *sub judice*."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

House-sites for Harijans in Coimbatore district.

19 Q.—SRI P. G. MANICKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) the amount allotted by the Government for the provision of house-sites for Harijans in Coimbatore district in the years 1952–53, 1953–54 and 1954–55; and

(b) the amount spent during these years?

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A.—(*a*) & (*b*)

Year.		Amount allotted.	Amount spent.
		RS.	RS.
1952-53	..	55,90	51,989
1953–54	..	23,100	11,150
1954–55	..	29,000	3,960 (from April to July 1954. Figures for other months not readily available).

Drinking water wells for Harijans in Lower Bhavani Project area.

20 *Q*.—Sri P. G. MANICKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of new wells that have been dug for Harijans for drinking purposes in the whole Lower Bhavani Project area and the number of old wells repaired in 1954–55 ;

(*b*) the several works that have been undertaken by the project authorities for the uplift and welfare of Harijans;

(*c*) whether any amount has been specially allotted for the uplift of Harijans in the annual budget for that project area ; and

(*d*) if not, what is the percentage of the amount proposed to be spent for the uplift and welfare of the Harijans in that project area to the total amount for the whole State?

A.—(*a*) The information is furnished below :—

The work of sinking 29 new wells has been taken up during 1954–55. Estimates in respect of 20 wells have been sanctioned. The remaining 9 wells works are under investigation. Repairs in respect of 48 old wells have also been taken up. Estimates for repairing 42 of these wells have already been sanctioned. The number of well works so far completed, out of the 42 is 31.

(*b*) At the instance of the project authorities permission was obtained from the Collector of Coimbatore for the construction of a Harijan colony in a poramboke land in Punjaikalamangalam village. Technical and other advice were given by the project staff in the construction of this colony.

An adult school purely for Harijans is run by the Panchayat Board at Rangasamudram.

(*c*) & (*d*) As the Community Projects and National Extension Service Schemes do not make a distinction between Harijans and other village classes, no amount

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has been specifically provided in the Project Budget for the uplift of the Harijans. They share all the benefits of the various works of utility and the various amenities provided in the area.

Road works under the Post-war Road Development Scheme in Cuddalore taluk, South Arcot district.

21 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of new road works proposed to be undertaken under the Post-war Road Development Scheme in Cuddalore taluk, South Arcot district, under the Five-Year Plan;

(*b*) whether the selection of works is made in consultation with the district board or the Assembly Members representing the constituency; and

(*c*) the total cost of execution of such works?

A.— (*a*) (1) Natham village road.

(2) Elandanpattu village road.

(3) Alagappasamudram village road.

(4) Tiruchopuram-Thyagavalli road.

(*b*) The district boards are consulted in respect of all works falling within their sphere of responsibility.

(*c*) The approximate cost is Rs. 48,000.

Grow More Food Scheme in South Arcot district.

22 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount spent on Grow More Food Campaign in South Arcot district up to the year ending 1952;

(*b*) the extent of land brought under cultivation;

(*c*) whether any amount was spent during the year 1953; and

(*d*) if so, the particulars with results?

A.—(*a*) to (*d*) The total gross expenditure incurred and the area brought to beneficial use under all Grow More Food schemes during the year 1949–50 to 1953–54 are as follows :—

Year.		Amount spent (gross expenditure incurred).	Area benefited under all Grow More Food schemes.
		RUPEES IN LAKHS.	ACS.
1949–50	..	35·01	80,862
1950–51	..	33·33	129,510
1951–52	..	22·55	125,024
1952–53	..	20·79	138,255
1953–54	..	26·13	146,139

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Deaths due to infectious diseases in the City hospitals.

23 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government have collected statistics as to the number of men, women and children who died on account of infectious diseases in the various City hospitals in the year 1953–54 and separate figures for children below 12 years; and, if so, what they are?

A.—Yes. The statistics are available only for the calendar year 1953 and not yet for the official year 1953–54. The figures for the year 1953 are furnished in the statement[a] placed on the table of the House.

Closure of high schools for want of endowment.

24 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the number of high schools closed for want of endowment during the years 1952–53, 1953–54 and 1954–55 up to date?

A.—No high school was closed down in this State during the years 1952–53, 1953–54 and 1954–55 for want of endowment.

Distribution of chemical manures under the Intensive Manuring Scheme.

25 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the quantity of chemical manures sanctioned for each district in the State under Intensive Manuring Scheme;

(b) the number of officers and demonstrators appointed to work out the scheme and the arrangements made for the distribution of manures;

(c) the number of Harijans among them as officers and demonstrators; and

(d) the qualifications prescribed for officers and demonstrators?

A.—The answer[b] is placed on the table of the House.

Expenditure incurred on the Gudiyattam bye-election.

26 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of officers, clerical staff and constables posted for duty in connexion with the Gudiyattam bye-election on 1st August 1954; and

(b) the expenses incurred by the Government in connexion with the bye-election?

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 400 infra

[b] Printed as Appendix II on pages 401–402 infra.

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A.—(*a*) Officers employed as polling personnel ... 105

Clerks	1,139
Inspectors of Police	8
Sub-Inspectors of Police	39
Head constables	66
Constables	460
Members of the Armed Reserve	240

(*b*) About Rs. 20,000.

Promotion of secondary grade teachers as Junior Deputy Inspectors of Schools.

27 *Q*.—Sri C. AHMED KUTTY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the basis on which promotions are made from secondary grade teachers in Government service to the cadre of Junior Deputy Inspectors of Schools;

(*b*) whether promotions have been granted to secondary grade teachers with five or six years' service, while teachers with 10 to 12 years' service have not been given such promotions;

(*c*) the number of secondary grade teachers promoted to the cadre of Junior Deputy Inspectors of Schools during the years 1952, 1953 and 1954 from Malabar and their periods of service and qualifications; and

(*d*) how many of them are Muslims?

A.—(*a*) Promotions are generally made on grounds of merit and ability, seniority being considered only where merit and ability are approximately equal.

(*b*) On the principle in (*a*) above, it cannot be said that teachers who have put in a service of about five to six years only have been considered for promotion while persons having a service of about 10 to 12 years have not been given promotions.

(*c*) Particulars are given in the statement [a] laid on the table of the House.

(*d*) Four are Muslims. (Items 1, 3, 5 and 11 in the annexure.)

Sinking of a bore-well near the Iritty Police station.

28 *Q*.—Sri K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a bore-well sunk near the Iritty Police station is not working at present;

(*b*) if so, the expenses incurred on the same so far; and

(*c*) why it is left in such a condition?

[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 403 infra.

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A sum of Rs. 2,314 has been spent so far including the cost of the deep well force pump.

(*c*) The question of installing a deep well force pump was under correspondence between the firm of suppliers and the Director of Industries and Commerce regarding the availability and suitability of the types quoted by the firm. The required type of pump to be installed was received only during the middle of November 1954. Action is being taken to instal the pump over the bore-well.

Recruitment of Deputy Inspectors of Schools.

29 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any change was introduced in the method of recruitment to the post of Deputy Inspectors of Schools, junior scales, in 1948;

(*b*) the number of Deputy Inspectors recruited from 1949 to 1953 in each year; and

(*c*) of those recruited in each year, how many were by direct recruitment and how many from departments and from which departments?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) A statement [a] is annexed.

Minor engineering industries in the State.

30 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of minor engineering industries in each district of the State during 1953; and

(*b*) the number of industries which closed during 1953–54?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A statement giving the particulars required is given below:—

District.	Number of minor engineering industries during 1953.	Number closed during 1953–54.
Madras	72	4
Chingleput	4	Nil.
Coimbatore	57	6
Nilgiris	7	Nil.
Salem	19	3

[a] Printed as Appendix IV on page 404 infra.

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District.		Number of minor engineering industries during 1953.	Number closed during 1953–54.
Tiruchirappalli ..	..	5	Nil.
North Arcot ..	..	9	2
South Arcot ..	..	5	1
Malabar ..	.	16	Nil.
South Kanara ..	..	33	1
Tirunelveli ..	..	26	2
Tanjore ..	..	24	Nil.
Madurai ..	...	55	Nil.
Ramanathapuram	...	30	1

Grant of loan to house building societies in Chingleput district.

31 Q.—Sri O. CHENGAM PILLAI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of subsidy and loan given to the house building societies in Chingleput district;

(*b*) the amount of loan and subsidy given in Ponneri taluk; and

(*c*) the number of buildings constructed by them in the taluk?

A.—(*a*) A loan of Rs. 7,92,050 was given to house building societies in Chingleput district between 1st April 1953 and 31st October 1954. No subsidy is given to any co-operative house building society.

(*b*) & (*c*) As there are no co-operative building societies in Ponneri taluk, no loan was given and no building was constructed.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—GOVERNMENT MOTION.

MOTION UNDER RULE 21 (3) OF THE ASSEMBLY RULES *re* CHANGE IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. SPEAKER :—" Regarding the next item, namely, the Madras Indebted Agriculturists (Temporary Relief) Amendment Bill, 1954, I wish to make a suggestion. I have received some amendments to that Bill. They are being roneoed. Till they are ready, shall we take up the item next to it? "

* The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir. We can take up the Madras Tenants and Ryots Protection (Amendment) Bill, 1954."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" I have no objection."